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SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL FILM FESTIVAL

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1. POST CALLED SPIEGEL DEC 31 TO DISCUSS PROPOSED FILM FESTIVAL. SPIEGEL STATED THAT BECAUSE OF MPAA PAST EXPERIENCES WITH SOVIETS, VALENTI WOULD DEFINITELY HAVE TO TALK WITH OFFICIALS OF US FILM COMPANIES WHICH MIGHT PARTICIPATE IN FESTIVAL.
 2. SPIEGEL RECALLED WITH PLEASURE MEETING STOESSELS DURING WARSAW FILM FESTIVAL AND SENDS REGARDS. SUGGESTED THAT AMBASSADOR CONTACT VALENTI DIRECTLY IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL.
 3. SINCE SOVIETS AND MPAA WILL BE INVOLVED WITH CZECH FILM FESTIVAL JULY 7 - 20, SPIEGEL ADVISED US CONSIDER LATER DATES.
 4. HE ALSO SAID LEADING FILM PERSONALITIES ALWAYS DIFFICULT TO GET, AND SUGGESTED CONCENTRATION ON SPECIALISTS IN SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF FILM INDUSTRY.
 5. ON SUBJECT OF SALE OF TICKETS, EVEN IF ONLY TO EQUAL COST OF THEATER, SPIEGEL SAID THIS VERY COMPLICATED MATTER AND HE FELT US COMPANIES WOULD BE MORE FAVORABLE TO PROPOSAL IF ATTENDANCE
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GRATIS.

6. EMBASSY CONCEIVED OF FESTIVAL LASTING 7 TO 10 DAYS FEATURING A RETROSPECTIVE OF CLASSIC AMERICAN FILMS, INCLUDING A SELECTION OF THOSE WHICH HAVE RECEIVED ACADEMY AWARDS (PER AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATION WITH WALTER MIRISCH). SOVIETS WOULD BE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE LARGE, PRESTIGIOUS THEATRE AND ALSO FACILITIES WHERE SEMINARS ON VARIOUS FILM SUBJECTS COULD BE CONDUCTED WITH SPECIAL AMERICAN GUESTS AND INVITED SOVIET AUDIENCE.

7. ACTION: SPIEGEL WILL ADVISE MPAA HOME OFFICE OF FESTIVAL PROPOSAL, AND PROMISED COOPERATION IF MPAA APPROVES. DEPT/USIA REQUESTED TO INFORM AMBASSADOR STOESEL AND ARRANGE MEETING WITH VALENTI IF IT DESIRED.

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